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FEDERAL DUCK STAMP SALES START NEW UPWARD TREND

Reversing the downward trend of the past two years, Federal "duck stamp" sales in fiscal year 1956 soared to 2,369,940 to reach an all-time high, Secretary Fred A. Seaton of the Department of the Interior stated today.

The total for the last hunting season exceeds that of 1955 by 188,374, and the previous high of fiscal year 1953—2,296,628—by 73,312. The yearly totals are supplied to the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Post Office Department, the agency responsible for distributing and selling the stamps.

California headed the 1956 list with a total of 180,173. Other states recording sales in excess of 100,000 were Texas, with 169,229; Michigan, 146,240; Minnesota, 131,985; Wisconsin, 131,101; Illinois, 125,185; and Louisiana, 106,316.

Many stamps are also purchased annually by stamp collectors. The Post Office Department's Philatelic Agency in Washington, D.C., reported the sale of 9,533 stamps during fiscal year 1956.

Sold for \$2 at post offices, the proceeds from duck stamp sales help finance the Federal Government's waterfowl refuge and law enforcement programs. Every individual who has attained the age of 16 years and who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have on his person a stamp of current issue with his signature written across the face.

The sales of duck stamps, according to Director John L. Farly of the Fish and Wildlife Service, provide the best available index to the number and location of waterfowl hunters throughout the country. As an indicator of hunting pressure, the attached tabulation of sales, grouped by waterfowl flyways, shows that the States in the Mississippi Flyway accounted for 1,019,145 of the 1956 total of duck stamps sold. The Central Flyway States had 523,630; the Pacific Flyway States, 430,597; and the Atlantic Flyway States, 387,035.

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MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMP SALES
JULY 1, 1955 to JUNE 30, 1956

ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES

✓ Connecticut	9,214
Delaware	7,905
District of Columbia	2,358
Florida	38,753
Georgia	9,841
Maine	13,586
Maryland	26,732
Massachusetts	20,770
New Hampshire	5,104
✓ New Jersey	29,558
✓ New York	85,814
North Carolina	30,963
Pennsylvania	53,064
Rhode Island	3,260
South Carolina	16,498
Vermont	4,713
Virginia	26,279
West Virginia	2,454
Puerto Rico	169

Subtotal 387,035

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES

Alabama	18,653
Arkansas	58,122
✓ Illinois	125,185
Indiana	48,756
Iowa	52,196
Kentucky	17,887
Louisiana	106,316
Michigan	146,240
Minnesota	131,985
Mississippi	20,646
Missouri	75,772
Ohio	47,076
Tennessee	39,210
Wisconsin	131,101

Subtotal 1,019,145

CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES

Colorado	39,107
Kansas	62,694
Montana	35,107
Nebraska	58,335
New Mexico	10,464
North Dakota	44,861
Oklahoma	52,573
South Dakota	40,375
Texas	169,229
Wyoming	10,885

Subtotal 523,630

PACIFIC FLYWAY STATES

Alaska	9,797
Arizona	10,247
California	180,173
Idaho	35,614
Nevada	11,081
Oregon	69,876
Utah	32,976
Washington	80,830
Hawaii	3

Subtotal 430,597

ATLANTIC FLYWAY STATES	387,035
MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY STATES	1,019,145
CENTRAL FLYWAY STATES	523,630
PACIFIC FLYWAY STATES	430,597
PHILATELIC AGENCY	9,533

GRAND TOTAL 2,369,940